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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in Alaska

Statewide Survey of Educators’ Opinions And Classroom Experiences

We are seeking information from educators about their thoughts and experiences regarding alcohol use among their students and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). Your responses will be used to let policy makers know your views on the role of educators in addressing Fetal Alcohol Syndrome among their students, and to develop continuing education resources.

This survey takes 10 minutes or less to complete. Please return your completed survey in the enclosed, stamped envelope. Thank you for your time and expertise.

21. Do you have a special education endorsement?.....☐ Yes ☐ No
22. Where is your main work location (city or village name)? _____
23. Does your work require that you travel to other locations besides your main work site?☐ Yes ☐ No
24. What is your gender?☐ Male ☐ Female
25. In what year were you born? _____
26. What kinds of support would be helpful to you in dealing with students who have FAS?

27. What expertise or strengths do you have for dealing with students who have FAS?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO US. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE ANYWHERE ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AND/OR CALL DIANE CASTO AT 465-1188 (IN JUNEAU) OR 877 393-2287 (OUTSIDE JUNEAU)

7. With the next five statements, please indicate how likely it is that you would talk to a pregnant friend or relative about seeking professional services to help her stop drinking if:		Highly Likely	Likely	Unlikely	Highly Unlikely	Don't Know
a) Your friend or relative drank 1 or 2 alcoholic beverages during her entire pregnancy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Your friend or relative drank 1 or 2 alcoholic beverages a month during her pregnancy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Your friend or relative drank 1 or 2 alcoholic beverages a week during her pregnancy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Your friend or relative drank 1 or 2 alcoholic beverages a day during her pregnancy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Your friend or relative drank 5 or more alcoholic beverages on any one occasion during her pregnancy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. How much do you know about the medical diagnosis called Fetal Alcohol Syndrome?		<input type="checkbox"/> I've never heard of FAS	<input type="checkbox"/> I've heard of FAS	<input type="checkbox"/> I know a little bit about FAS	<input type="checkbox"/> I know a lot about FAS	
9. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the next six statements about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS):		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a) People with FAS have a set of birth defects.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) People with FAS have brain damage.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) People with FAS have mental retardation.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) People with FAS are affected physically.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) People with FAS will outgrow these effects.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) People with FAS have these effects through adulthood.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the next six statements about the effects of FAS on a person's capabilities:		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a) FAS affects a person's motor skills.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) FAS affects a person's memory.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) FAS affects a person's judgement.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) FAS affects a person's ability to plan.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) FAS affects a person's ability to reason.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) FAS affects a person's ability to learn.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the next three statements about alcohol use and FAS:		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a) Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause birth defects.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Currently, the only known cause of FAS is alcohol consumption by a birth mother during her pregnancy.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is preventable.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Are you aware of any local groups or state agencies who currently provide help with FAS issues in your community? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12a. If yes, who are they? _____

13. At what education level are your current students? **(check all that apply)** ☐ **Early Development** ☐ **Grades K-3** ☐ **Grades 4-6** ☐ **Grades 7-9** ☐ **Grades 10-12**

14. Of your female students, what percent do you know, or strongly suspect, are pregnant? %

15. Of these students who are, or likely are pregnant, what percent do you feel are at risk of having a child with FAS? %

16. Of all your current students, what percent do you feel may have FAS themselves? %

17. Do you currently have any FAS screening or diagnostic services available in your community? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

17a. If yes, who are they? _____

18. Have you ever referred a student for an FAS screening or diagnosis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about working with your students:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a) I feel that I have the appropriate skills and knowledge to deal with alcohol abuse among my students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) I feel that I have the appropriate skills and knowledge to deal with students who have FAS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) I feel that I have the appropriate skills and knowledge to deal with the families of those students who have FAS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) I feel that I have the support of my administration to deal with students who have FAS and their families.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) I have received training in the past year that was directed specifically at educational strategies for working with students who have FAS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Currently, there are alternative resources or special education strategies in my classroom or at the school to help students who have FAS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) When these services are available, I encourage my students who have FAS to use the alternative resources or special strategies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about your role as an educator:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
a) I feel that it is important for teachers to address alcohol abuse problems among students and their families.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) I believe that a teacher can develop successful classroom interventions to help students who have FAS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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